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COAL MINE DISASTER.

EXPLOSION OF FIRE DAMP AND TWO HUNDRED PERISHING.

Crying, Shrieking and Imploring God to Save the Loved Ones Entombed Below. Cuba is Not For Sale--Cholera Scourge--Foreign Affairs.

MANCHESTER, June 19.—A terrible explosion of fire damp has occurred at the Clifton Hall collier, near this city. There were 350 men in the mine at the time, and 120 have been rescued. Two hundred and thirty are still entombed, and it is feared they will be either suffocated or burned to death. Great excitement prevails, and the scenes in the vicinity of the mine are heartrending. The wives, mothers and relatives are congregating near the entrances crying, shrieking, and imploring God to save their loved ones imprisoned below.

The cages used by the exploring parties got stuck in descending the shaft, and delayed them fully two hours. Many have not yet succeeded in reaching the imprisoned miners. The rescued men say that at the time of the explosion they rushed to the bottom of the main shaft and barely got there with their lives. They are ignorant of the fate of those left behind.

Cuba Not for Sale.

MADRID, June 19.—The reports published in America about the Spanish government having sent Signor Batanero to Washington as a secret agent to negotiate the sale of Cuba are utterly without foundation. A reporter has within the last few days had long conversations with prominent men of all parties on the subject, among whom were the secretary of state Elduayen, Sagasta, Morot, Cabra and Castelar. All expressed in the strongest terms the impossibility of such a sale and the certainty of a Spanish armed resistance to attempt to force a sale.

Secretary of State Elduayen, a prominent Conservative and an intimate personal friend of the king, for several years in office, except during the short period of the Liberal ministry, received the correspondent in the state department. He said: "The Spanish government has neither official nor private knowledge of Batanero; has no agents in the United States except its legation; has given no instructions to negotiate a treaty for the sale of Cuba. The present ministry never contemplated such a sale. It is certain no ministry would be permitted by the Spanish people to sell Cuba under any circumstances."

"The continued deficits in the Cuban revenue," he continued, "furnishes no excuse for the sale, as all Spaniards would gladly pay Cuba's debts if necessary to prevent a sale. The retention of Cuba is a matter of national pride, common to all classes and all parties. To speak of its sale is like talking of selling the province of Andalusia by Spain, or of New York by the United States. I can assure you it is not possible to express in too strong language the utter impossibility of such a sale."

Ex-Prime Minister Sagasta was found at his home. Senor Sagasta was prime minister in the Liberal government which resigned two years ago because of a split in the party, leader in the coalition which recently badly defeated the Conservatives in the municipal elections, and probably will be prime minister when the Liberals are again called to power, which is likely to be the case within six months. Senor Sagasta said: "Neither the Liberals nor any portion of the coalition would under any circumstances consent to the sale of Cuba except after an unsuccessful war to retain it. The mere suspicion of secret negotiations for the sale of Cuba would probably cause a political revolution before it could be consummated. The continued large Cuban deficits, leading eventually to a demand upon the national treasury, the Spanish people will gladly bear, or even the whole expenses of the Cuban government if this becomes necessary."

Senor Morot, the leader of the most advanced section of the Liberal party and ex-secretary of the interior, an authority on financial matters and a distinguished free trader, said without hesitation: "Neither party nor section of any party could be induced to sell Cuba. On this point all parties think alike, and the people feel so strongly about it that a change in the form of the government would result from any such attempt. The Batanero mentioned is probably the Cuban congressman of that name, who as a Liberal would hardly be employed by a Conservative ministry. Spain ought to guarantee the Cuban debt, thus reducing the interest and extinguishing the sinking fund, which is a large charge upon the Cuban revenue now necessary as guarantee bonds. These changes, with advances toward free trade, which I hope Senor Sagasta will make, will place Cuban finances in a satisfactory condition."

Senor Labra, the famous lawyer and republican leader, talked over an hour about Cuba affairs. He is president of the Abolition society and an authority on Cuba from long study in Cuban affairs and as congressman from the Islands. Senor Labra said: "No portions of the republicans, not even Zorilla, the revolutionists, would for a moment consider the sale of Cuba as a possibility. The Cuban people themselves do not desire it. Even those who desire separation from Spain do not desire an annexation to the United States. Reforms have prevented largely the action of the Liberals, who sacrifice Cuban liberty to Spanish reform. But the affairs of Cuba are becoming so bad that all parties are likely to unite on reform laws. The idea of a Spanish guarantee of the Cuban debt, developed largely by court circles interested in Cuban bonds, is not favored by public opinion. Under a republic Cuba would not be treated in all respects like Spain, thus securing immunity from revolution by curbing the officials, restoring trade and reducing taxes."

Senor Castelar, the distinguished ex-president of the Spanish republic, received the correspondent with the warmest expressions of regard to the people of the great republic, and firm approval of the course of the present Democratic administration. He expressed the same views about the sale of

Cuba as Senor Sagasta. The Conservative official organ, Epoca, says: "There could not be a greater mass of nonsense than the canard about Batanero and the sale of Cuba." El Dia, an independent paper, refers to the report as "the sale of Cuba and other atrocities."

William O'Brien, M. P.

DUBLIN, June 19.—William O'Brien, M. P. for Mallon, has been ordered by his physicians to take a long rest and change of air. They also admonish him to avoid all excitement and political work. Mr. O'Brien is worn out from over work and is suffering greatly from nervous troubles.

Cholera Scourge.

MADRID, June 19.—Cholera is spreading at an alarming rate. From the cities of Murcia, Valencia and Castellon, the total of 632 new cases and 151 deaths are reported within the past twenty-four hours. At Madrid one death and six new cases are reported.

The Renard Disaster.

PARIS, June 19.—A dispatch from Aden to the admiralty office confirms the reported loss of the French man-of-war Renard. The dispatch states the vessel foundered in the Indian ocean during the cyclone, and everyone on board, 127 souls, perished.

Italian Ministry Resign.

ROME, June 19.—The narrow majority by which the foreign estimates were passed has so embarrassed the government that the entire ministry tendered their resignation to the king.

English Discount.

LONDON, June 19.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remains unchanged.

Probably Maxey Tabor.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 19.—D. G. Pfeiffer, whose name appeared on a card which was found on the body of a drowned man at Gravesend bay, a short distance from Bath, L. I., on May 21, is at Annapolis. Mr. Pfeiffer is traveling agent for the Stief Piano company, and represented the firm at the New Orleans exposition. While there he gave a business card to a young man named Tabor, who represented himself to be a nephew of Governor Tabor, of Colorado, and from the description given of the party he is strongly of the opinion that the body is that of the person to whom he gave the card.

Insane Suicide.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, O., June 19.—Mrs. Joseph Powell, wife of a wealthy farmer living near Bakersville, shot herself on fire. Her whole body was blackened and scorched beyond recognition, and the flesh in places dropped from the bones. She lived only a few minutes and died in great agony. She had attempted suicide by poisoning and also by burning some time ago. She was in an asylum about two months ago, but begged to come away with her husband when he visited her there, and had been at home since.

Regarding the Expo.

NEW ORLEANS, June 19.—Director General T. H. Buck, of the World's Exposition, has left for Washington for the purpose of making arrangements for securing the \$330,000 appropriated by the last congress, to the payment of claims of the foreign creditors of the exposition. This sum, together with the amount, the old will receive from the new company for the plant, etc., will be sufficient to pay all the former company's creditors in full.

Wants Harmony.

BOSTON, June 19.—President Goff, of the American Electric Light company, expressed a desire and hope that all controversies between the leading companies doing legitimate electric lighting business should cease, and that all would work to make the business as strong and substantial in its results as the gas interests have become. The companies alluded to are the Brush, the Merchants and the New England association.

Personal.

CINCINNATI, June 19.—H. B. Lydard, of Detroit, president and general manager of the Michigan Central railroad, and Charles K. Lord, of Baltimore, general passenger agent of the B. & O., are at the St. Nicholas hotel. Their business is to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the Central Traffic association, which meets at the Grand hotel.

Suspicion of Foul Play.

NEW YORK, June 19.—The headless body of George R. Lewis, a postoffice clerk at Locust Valley, Long Island, was found on the track of the Long Island railroad. His friends now claim that he did not commit suicide, but was stunned by a heavy blow and dragged on the track. Suspicion is entertained of a man who was jealous of Lewis' attentions to his wife.

Driven to Desperation.

NEWCOMERSTOWN, O., June 19.—Elijah Baitzley, a prominent and wealthy farmer residing a few miles north of Stone creek, awakened in the night and imagined that a thief had entered his bedroom and was about to murder and rob him. This seemed to drive the old man to desperation, as he at once drew his revolver and shot himself through the head.

He Had Two Rawhides Ready.

BALTIMORE, June 19.—Eleven o'clock was the time appointed for the flogging of Henry A. Myers, convicted of wife beating. Sheriff Airey provided himself with two rawhides for the work, but a motion for a new trial will cause a delay. The sheriff says he will obey the order of the court and do the work thoroughly.

Richard Brown Dead.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Capt. Richard Brown, who sailed the yacht Dauntless in the race when the Queen's Cup was won, has died at his residence in Brooklyn.

Teemer and Hanlan.

BUFFALO, June 19.—Teemer, the oarsman, has arrived here to complete arrangements for a race with Hanlan, who is expected from Toronto.

Ferd. Ward.

NEW YORK, June 19.—The trial of Ferdinand Ward was again postponed until next Monday. Mr. Ward was returned to Ludlow street jail.

CUBA IS NOT WANTED.

THE PRESIDENT OPPOSED TO ALL SCHEMES OF ANNEXATION.

Enough Work in the Present Administration to Attend to—The Dolphin—Mr. Cleveland's Letter—Mr. Conkling. Washington—National News.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—On the best authority President Cleveland and the administration are entirely and absolutely opposed to all acquisitions of territory, whether of Cuba or parts of Mexico or elsewhere. The president feels very strongly and positively on this point. He believes that we have now as much territory and as large a mass of illiterate and incongruous material in our population as we can safely manage. He is totally opposed to an aggrandizing foreign policy, and believes that we have work enough to do at home in reforming our home administration.

He believes that the extension of commerce with our neighbors on fair terms of exchange will benefit us and them, and that the cultivation of such commercial relations will give us all the benefits which we could get from the possession of other territories, without the grave burdens and costly responsibilities which territorial extension would bring upon us.

It is certain, therefore, that no schemes for the purchase or annexation of Cuba, or for other territorial extension, will find favor with President Cleveland. He understands the nature and objects of such schemes, and is opposed to them as injurious and dangerous to the welfare of this country and the perpetuity of our form of government.

The President's Letter.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—A little girl who handed the president a basket of flowers with her compliments on the card received the following acknowledgment:

"EXECUTIVE MANSION,

WASHINGTON, June 18.

"MY DEAR MARIE—I hasten to thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers which you gave me when I saw you in the East Room, and I assure you I fully appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness which prompted the gift. I send you a card with my autograph upon it. I think it is quite a curiosity, because if you hold it up to the light you will see my picture in it.

"Yours sincerely,

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Appointments.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The president has appointed Wm. L. Bancroft to be collector of customs for the district of Huron, Michigan; Israel Lawton superintendent of the mint at San Francisco; A. L. King, of Arkansas, a receiver of public moneys at Harrison, Arkansas.

The president appointed the following collectors of customs: Wm. F. Howard, for the district of Beaufort, N. C.; John A. Richardson, for the district of Newberne, N. C.

The postmasters appointed were: Henry Holeyberry, Jackson, O.; Mrs. Julia Loer, Newcastle, Ind.; J. P. Cook, Kenton, O.

The Crippled Dolphin.

NEW YORK, June 19.—On her recent trip the Dolphin ran upon a rock at the foot of Eighth street. On Tuesday all the ballast and coal were taken out of the vessel and she was taken to the sectional docks of South street. When the water was pumped out around her it was discovered that about six feet of keel had been torn from her bottom and some of her plates had been knocked out of gear. The naval board was present and took a mental inventory of the damage. Then the water was pumped in again, and at 2 o'clock the crippled Dolphin was taken to the Erie basin. She will go into the Boston docks and get repaired.

Asking an Opinion.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The secretary of the navy has sent Attorney General Warren a copy of the report of the board appointed in April last to examine and report upon the despatch boat Dolphin, and requested an opinion by the department of justice as to the responsibility of the navy department for certain defects in the vessel, which is the report of the board of details, including those of structural weakness; lack of requisite stiffness and deficiency of speed.

Cincinnati's Bank.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The money department has just issued a statement showing the condition of the National banks of Cincinnati. It shows the number of banks to be twelve against thirteen at this date last year. Capital stock, \$5,000,000, against \$9,100,000 one year ago. Individual deposits, \$12,438,700, against \$11,606,240 one year ago. Circulation, \$5,336,800, against over \$6,000,000 a year ago. Loans and discounts, \$18,674,878, against \$19,247,571 last June.

Miss Christie.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—It is explained that Miss Christie, postmistress at Nyack, N. Y., whose dismissal had been criticised, was not removed for political or personal reasons, but on the report of the postoffice inspector, who reported she must have been cognizant of the frauds relative to transferring the mail, which her father, the former postmaster, practiced. He is said to have charged for twelve months service, when only eight was performed.

M. Bourée.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—M. Bourée, reported to have been appointed French minister to the United States, is the gentleman who has been in diplomatic service for twenty-five years, beginning as an attaché of the legation at Athens in 1860. He was minister plenipotentiary to China from 1880 to 1883. For the past two years he has been in Paris on the available list.

Mr. Conkling Abroad.

NEW YORK, June 19.—Roscoe Conkling contemplates making a three weeks trip to Carlsbad for the waters. Since his retirement from public life four years ago, the ex-senator has sacrificed his health to the exertions of his profession. His physician has advised him to take absolute rest, and to

that end Mr. Conkling will sail for Europe on Saturday.

Same as Usual.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—The report that the president will stop seeing office-seeking visitors after July 1 is officially contradicted. The president will continue throughout the summer to see, and devote as much time as possible to his callers.

Judge T. W. Bartley Dying.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Judge T. W. Bartley, formerly lieutenant governor of Ohio with the Democratic party, is lying dangerously ill at his residence in this city. Little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

SOME CROOKED WORK.

An Illinois Representative Accused of Manipulating an Important Bill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 19.—F. H. Tubbs, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company, testified before a legislative investigating committee to the effect that during the month of February of last year he had been called upon at the Leland hotel, in this city, by Representative Baker, of Moultrie county, and that the latter offered to kill the telegraph bill for \$2,500; that of this sum \$500 handed was to be given Baker for himself and the remainder distributed among other parties.

The reading of the charge occasioned quite a sensation among the committeemen and a summons was at once sent to Mr. Baker, who soon made his appearance, and being sworn, said he knew Mr. Tubbs and had talked with him upon several occasions. He explicitly denied that he had at any time made any proposition to Mr. Tubbs or any one else of the character referred to.

LAKE MISTASSINI.

The Great American Inland Sea in the Northwest.

MONTREAL, June 19.—John Bignell, late head of the government exploring expedition to Lake Mistassini, who has just returned to Quebec, states his son in no way exaggerated the facts in regard to the big lake, Mistassini, the great unknown inland sea in Northwestern Canada. He says some of the numerous islands it contains are over ten miles in length. The situation of both great and little Mistassini as laid down in the maps is erroneous, and the little lake, instead of being a mere arm of the big one, is a separate body of water from one hundred to one hundred and twenty miles long and eight miles wide. Mr. Bignell says he believes the soil of the country will be found adapted to hardy cereals.

THE "WET WORM."

Ravages of the Pest in the Corn Fields of Kansas.

PARSONS, Kan., June 19.—A scourge equal to the grasshopper is making its appearance in this neighborhood. Large fields of corn standing on an average eight inches high, looking fresh and green in the morning, before night became withered and dead. Examination disclosed in each hill a myriad of worms ranging from an inch and a quarter to one-eighth of an inch in length.

Apparently they become completely distributed over a field, then begin simultaneously to work, and within a very short time the whole is devastated. Nearly every piece of corn is more or less infested. The eggs from which the worms are hatched are supposed to be deposited by a small yellowish white miller. The worm is by the farmers termed the "wet worm."

A DASTAR'S DEED.

A Boy Killed Because He Walks Across a Field.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 19.—Walter S. Amos, a youth of eighteen, attempted to walk across a field belonging to Rust & Bro., adjoining this city, when a man named John Mosier, aged 50, who was plowing called to him to stop. The youth did so when Mosier deliberately walked up to within five feet of him and fired at him with a shotgun, inflicting a wound in Amos' side as large as a man's fist.

Mosier went on with his plowing till arrested in the afternoon. He appeared to be perfectly sane and says he was justified in shooting, because the boy had no business to cross the land. Amos was the only support of a widowed mother. He cannot live.

Cincinnati Registration.

CINCINNATI, June 19.—The committee on registration law met at John E. Bell's office, with John E. Bell, John Simpkinson, Gazam Gano, Alfred Seatongood, Nathan Drucker and D. W. McClung present. A resolution providing for expression of opinion as to the registration law, and to provide aid to the authorities in carrying it out, was unanimously favored, but as there was not a full representation present, the resolution was laid over to a meeting to be called at the chamber of commerce.

Robbing a Church.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 19.—While watching from behind a pillar, after the congregation had departed, the sexton of St. Patrick's church saw a German take a whalebone out of his hat, put some adhesive substance on the end of it and thrust it through the small opening in the poor box. In an instant the whalebone, to the end of which adhered a nickel, was withdrawn, and the coin detached by the thief. In this way he dexterously abstracted \$1.79. He was arrested and pleaded guilty, saying that there were others in the business.

Horrible Death.

READING, Pa., June 19.—At East Perkiom Junction, Montgomery county, Rev. John Cannel met a terrible death by being dragged around his barn yard entangled in the shafts and wheels of his carriage. He was caught in the wheels and dragged over the stones for a short distance, when the horse plunged through a gate, completely wrecking the carriage and instantly killing the minister. He was seventy-one years of age and was preparing to go to Canada as a missionary.

Senator Nesmith Dead.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 19.—Ex-Senator Nesmith has died at his home in Polk county. He has been very weak ever since his release from the insane asylum.